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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

Applicants : Cooper R.D.G., et al.
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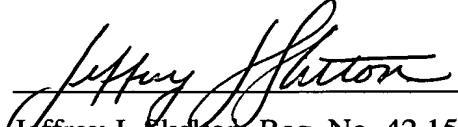
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Response to Rejection.

Dear Sirs:

Applicants hereby submit a response (pp. 6) to the Examiner's rejection mailed July 14th, 2004. In addition, a petition for extension of time and the appropriate fee are also submitted. Applicants request consideration of the included amendments and remarks.

Respectfully submitted,



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